

**REMARKS**

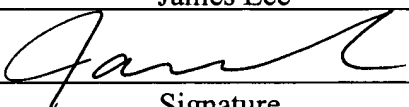
Claims 1, 3-7, 12, and 14-20 remain in the application. Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered on the grounds that it places the case in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, reduces the issues for appeal.

Claims 2, 8, 11, and 13 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12, and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Pare Jr. et al.* (6,230,148) in view of *Carlson et al.* (5,053,607). Applicant respectfully traverses.

All the claims have been amended to contain the allowable subject matter of Claims 2, 8, 11 or 13. Applicant respectfully submits that this places all claims in condition for allowance.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes that all the claims remaining in the application are allowable and respectfully request that these claims be allowed and the application passed to issue.

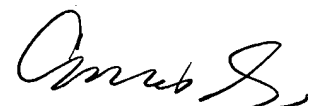
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